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VOLCANIC ERA NOT WHOLLY PAST

HE stupendous performances of Mt Lassen, the only volcano now active in the United States, are clearly indicative that this region has, after a period of quiescence, again undertaken the task of geological reconstruction. To some the idea of volcanic action is disturbing. It arouses fear, The very thought that titanic forces are lying dormant beneath the placid landscape, and that they may at any moment toss off their somnolence and resume activities, is somewhat disconcerting. But when one realizes the worth of volcanic action, he courts rather than dreads its demonstration. We who now live in Tonopah would not be residing here if it were not that Mount Brougher is the southerly rim remaining of the old crater in which this city is located. There would be no occasion for our presence here, for there would be no mineralization. It is all the result of volcanic action in remote history. The activities of Lassen may result in the deposition of another lode for our progeny in long distant generations to enrich themselves wherewith, even as now we are taking out millions from the old volcano from which prehistoric men fled in terror.

The day is long past when volcanic eruptions in this portion of the globe could possibly be attended by great cataclysms such as once occurred here The world was then in a formative condition. The surface was plastic and the crust was thin. The layer of semi-solidified matter at that time ebullated as did the pot of corn meal mush our grandmothers were wont to boil for our youthful delectation. Now the process of cooling and solldification has been on for so many centuries and the internal fires have receded so far from the surface that only occasional demonstrations may be expected and of infinitely

Western Nevada and northeastern California are traversed by a volcanic belt, at least one possessing seismic and eruptive potentialities. This is evidenced by the chain of thermal springs extending for several hundred miles, by the deposits of recent scoria and the emanations of sulphurous gases as well as the presence of late exudations discovered in mine workings that have been abandoned for several decades. It will be remembered that the breaking loose of old Mt. Lassen was beralded by remarkable activity of the thermal springs at Bumpass' Hell, so it may be reasonably certain that we will be given fair warning at other places along the volcanic line if nature should take it into her head to construct for us a few more silver and goldbearing tedges.

EVERYBODY SLAPPING JOHN BARLEYCORN

ARS is not merely the ruling planet in these latter days; all others seem to be acting in conjunction with him. Nations that are at war and nations that are at peace with each other and within themesives are all doing battle in one way or another and the most general is that waged against King Alcohol. Perhaps it is on the line of a general, world-sweeping reform movement, and again it may simply be the spirit of belligerency, pure and simple, which has been awakened God knows how or why and is devastating the globe. The campaign for prohibition in the United States is being conducted in nearly every state and in the halls of legislation of the United States. It may be a battle to the death, or it may be a transitory movement such as populism and other cults and fads which we have always had and have now so definitely outlined in the shape of equal suffrage. At all events epithets are passed to and fro, eloquence is emanating from a thousand throats and argument from a thousand peny.

Richmond Pearson Hobson, one of the diffusers of the temperance propaganda, has delved deeply into the subject from all points of attack and some of the conclusions he has reached are rather interesting and entertaining He has, for instance, discovered that alcohol is "the loathsome excretion of a living organism." Now isn't that a nasty thing for milady to recall as she tosses off his morning's morning?

THEY GUESSED WRONG

BLUNDER signalized the legislative career of the present administra-A tion. The Democratic tariff bill, first in the articles of Democratic faith. and the one achievement on which naturally they would be expected to expend their most exhaustive study and care, was so clumsily executed that it failed to accomplish the results intended. The failure was due to crude, hasty, unscientific, secret legislative methods.

Designed to furnish sufficient revenue to finance the United States treas ury, it has proven absolutely inadequate for that purpose. In writing the tariff bill the Democrats dimly foresaw a possible reduction in customs receipts, although they did not know how much and did not ascertain the facts. So the income tax provision was incorporated in the hope that it would make up for any miscalculations in the tariff bill, although the Democrats did not know and did not ascertain the facts. But what happened when these provis-

ions went into effect? Customs receipts were millions of dollars below the amount needed from that source, and at the same time collections from the income tax fell many millions below the amount needed from that source. The inevitable result was to leave the treasury without sufficient morey for its needs. The failure was caused by carelesaness. Had there been conscientious, open considera tion of the revenue bill, sufficient to enable members of congress to study and understand it, the reduction in revenue could have been properly safe guarded. But instead of getting accurate information and adequate estimates the Democrats guessed at it. And they guessed wrong

The flags for the battleship Nevada are being exhibited in various parts of Nevada. Tonopah, through the Women's Relief Corps, contributed a considerable sum toward their purchase and it is but right that we should have tice, also. Let the flags be exhibited here by all means,

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be so profitable that highwaymen well enjoy life,-Cleveland Leader. have considered them worth holding up.-Albany Journal.

Judging from the support he is giving him, the kaiser must be a great Buffalo Evening News. admirer of the late General Sherman, -Philadelphia Inquirer.

baseball reports would be like the room for the news. elimination of gravy from the beef- Ledger.

Carranza says that Americans will be welcomed in Mexico when peace Isn't he pledging generations

in the four months that it will take to build the navy's \$45,000 dirigible Jitney bus running doesn't seem to balloon its future operators may as

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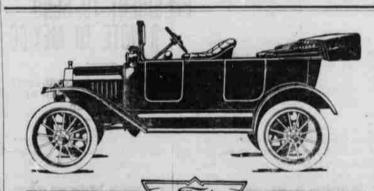
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